



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## ***January 2013 Newsletter***

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### **Next Meeting:**

February 8: Legacy meeting featuring 10 meters **plus annual Chili Cook-Off!**

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### **Highlights from the January Meeting:**

Round of introductions was made and we had two new folks who were not yet licensed. One of them is testing tomorrow. There were 45 in attendance.

Talked about Field Day but no decision was made. The Hendricks County group offered to let us join them again.

Announcements - Brownsburg Hamfest Feb 16th.

Hendricks County classes in January (See articles later in the newsletter regarding both of these.)

Radio club net on Tuesday night at 8:00 on 224.800 and 147.210. Everyone is welcome to check in.

Next meeting is February 8 and we will talk about 10 meters as well as have the chili cook off

ARRL VHF Contest next weekend.

Check your email and make sure that we have the right email address as we have had several bounce-backs.

WA5LOU was our main speaker for the night. He is our IN ARRL SM.

Lou shook everyone's hand and introduced himself. Lou introduced his wife Doreen, the Affiliated Club Coordinator . Lou asked how many of those in attendance are ARRL members (all but 4). He asked how many of us check into nets. About half do.

Talked about the National Traffic System and how during emergencies they handle health and welfare messages as well as emergencies. The NTS needs our help handling traffic

and working as net control. Lou then talked about how the section is set up. For more info, contact Lou at [wa5lou@arrl.net](mailto:wa5lou@arrl.net).

Doreen then took the mike and talked about the club. She asked if everyone knew the club officers and everyone said yes. She was very impressed with this. This year's Tips and Tonics is to have fun, give the members what they want, and be available for the members.

Doreen said that we as a club are doing a great job.

Someone suggested that we give those who test with us a free complimentary club membership.

After Doreen, Jim Rinehart gave a talk on lightning suppression.

Prizes were given to the winners of the drawing.

*[Many thanks to Rhonda Curtis, WS9H, for taking the preceding notes.-editor]*

## **Ham Radio News:**

### **POSTAGE RATES GOING UP IN JANUARY**

The United States Postal Service (USPS) announced price increases that will take place effective on Sunday, January 29, 2013. The USPS also announced the introduction of "a First-Class Mail Global Forever Stamp", which "will allow customers to mail letters anywhere in the world for one set price of \$1.10". The main changes that effect Amateur Radio operators are as follows:

Letters (1 oz.) — 1 cent increase to 46 cents

Letters to all international destinations (1 oz.) — \$1.10 (currently \$1.05. Note that this means that Canada and Mexico will no longer be a different rate than other "international" destinations.)

Postcards — 1 cent increase to 33 cents

Point your browser to [http://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2012/pr12\\_114.htm](http://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2012/pr12_114.htm) for all of the details.

### **SENATE APPROVES SECOND TERM FOR FCC COMMISSIONER MIGNON CLYBURN**

In June 2012, President Barack Obama nominated Mignon Clyburn to serve a second term as FCC Commissioner. On January 1, 2013, the Senate confirmed her nomination, paving the way to Clyburn's first full term as one of five FCC Commissioners.

"I am so pleased that the Senate has approved Commissioner Clyburn's re-nomination to the FCC," said FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski in a written statement.

"Commissioner Clyburn is an excellent and dedicated public servant and has been a strong advocate in seeking to extend the benefits of broadband to all Americans. I look forward to continuing to work closely with Commissioner Clyburn and congratulate her on her new term."

Clyburn's five-year appointment is retroactive to July 1, 2012, when her first term expired. No date has yet been announced for her swearing-in ceremony.

## **CLASSES COMING UP IN HENDRICKS COUNTY**

Classes in Hendricks County will be on Tuesday evenings this year, beginning on January 29, 2013. Instruction for all classes of license will be offered. Classes will run approximately 2 hours, beginning at 7:00 pm. The classes will run 8 or 9 weeks. Classes will be held at the Hendricks County Senior Center, just north of Hendricks Regional Health in Danville. Contact Jay Wright, KK9L, for more information.

## **ONE DAY TECHNICIAN CLASS COMING IN JOHNSON COUNTY**

### **This note from Jack Parker, W8ISH:**

This may be a bit early but I wanted to bring everyone up to speed on our plans to sponsor a one-day Technician License Class on Saturday February 9, 2013. If you know of someone who is interested in taking the class refer them to [secretary@midstatehams.org](mailto:secretary@midstatehams.org) .

Seating will be limited to 25 students so they should register early to insure a spot. We require all students to purchase the Technician Class License Manual, Second Edition. <http://www.arrl.org/shop/Ham-Radio-License-Manual-Revised-2nd-Edition/?page=1>

The class will be nine hours of instruction with testing to follow. The class begins promptly at 8AM in our meeting room at the Johnson County EOC.

Thanks for your help in passing the word.

Jack W8ISH

Class coordinator

## **SECOND ANNUAL BROWNSBURG HAMFEST COMING**

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COMING IN FEBRUARY 2013  
HAM RADIO, COMPUTER, ELECTRONICS FLEA MARKET  
Saturday, February 16, 2013, running 6:00 am until 2:30 pm  
Set up available on Friday, the 15th from 2:30 pm until 8:30 pm

AMERICAN LEGION POST 331  
636 E MAIN ST, BROWNSBURG, IN. 46112  
\$ 5.00 ADMISSION PLENTY OF FREE PARKING  
VENDORS: \$10 PER TABLE, \$15 WITH POWER Bring your own power strips and cables Table sales at the door if available both days  
FOOD SALES BY THE LADIES AUXILARY  
Sponsored by  
Hendricks County Amateur Radio Society  
<http://www.hcars.org/>  
Talk-in on 147.015 +  
NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS

## **COMMENT DEADLINE SET IN WRC-07 PROCEEDING**

As previously reported, the FCC has proposed to amend its rules to implement the allocation decisions of the 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-07) and to make certain other changes. Notice appeared in the December 27, 2012 issue of the Federal Register, which started the clock on a 60-day window for the submission of comments. Thus, comments are due no later than February 25, 2013, with reply comments due no later than March 27, 2013.

While most of the 130-page Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order does not directly affect the Amateur and Amateur-Satellite Services, two sections of the document are of particular interest to amateurs.

Specifically, the FCC proposes to upgrade the Amateur Service allocation in the upper half of the 160 meter band (1900-2000 kHz) from secondary to primary, while deleting the existing allocation to the Radiolocation Service. This is possible, because the reaccommodation of radiolocation stations displaced by the expansion of the AM broadcasting band to 1705 kHz has been completed and there are no non-federal radiolocation stations licensed to operate in the 1900-2000 kHz band.

The FCC also seeks comments on whether, and how, an amateur low frequency (LF) allocation might be able to co-exist with Power Line Carrier (PLC) systems that are used by electric utilities to monitor and control the power grid. The Commission notes that while PLC systems do not have the status of an allocation, they carry "communications important to the reliability and security of electric service to the public." WRC-07 created a new secondary allocation to the amateur service at 135.7-137.8 kHz that already has been implemented in a number of other countries.

The ARRL will be preparing comments supporting both of these allocations. Individuals wishing to comment directly to the FCC should carefully read paragraphs 13-24 of the NPRM and follow the instructions contained in paragraph 175. The NPRM can be found in PDF format at,

[http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2012/db1119/FCC-12-140A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db1119/FCC-12-140A1.pdf).

## **WABASH VALLEY ARA HAMFEST COMING IN MARCH**

The 2013 Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association Hamfest and Computer Expo is coming up on Saturday, March 9, at the Indiana State University Dede Activity Center. The event will run from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be hourly door prize drawings, and a FREE VE testing session at 11:00. Admission is \$7.00 (children under 12 are free). For more information, point your browser to <http://www.w9uuu.org/hamfest.html>.

## **FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER**

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

Brent Walls, K9CFE

## **SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS**

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)

## **Signals from the Past:**

### **From the January – February, 1955 *Ama-Chewer*:**

A vote was taken at last meeting to determine frequency of meetings and it was overwhelming that they be held every week. Following this vote it was decided to continue much the same as last year in so far as having just one meeting of a feature nature each month. Lighter programs being presented on the other Fridays such as movies on the First Friday, Business meeting the second Friday, Novice night the third Friday and the main program the fourth Friday.

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## **Upcoming Area Radio Events:**

- February 16, 2013: Brownsburg Hamfest Go to <http://www.hcars.org/> for more information.
- March 9, 2013: Terre Haute Hamfest and Computer Expo Go to <http://www.w9uuu.org/hamfest.html> for more information.

## **2013 Officers:**

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